State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)

On February 28, 1992 the Department of Health and Human Services published regulations in the Federal Register implementing the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988. According to the regulations every facility that tests human specimens "for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of the health of, human beings" must meet these requirements. **CLIA applies to any facility performing laboratory testing** as outlined above regardless of the number of tests performed or whether they are charging for the testing. If no testing will be performed by your facility and employees, CLIA is not required.

Registration with the CLIA program is required **prior** to performing and reporting test results. To obtain CLIA certification you must complete the CLIA application. The application along with instructions for completion can be obtained at the following link:

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/directory/detail/705

The application and instructions can be accessed at the first prompt on this page titled "How to Apply for a CLIA Certificate."

To avoid delay in processing, return all documentation to the State Agency via email to staci.deleon@la.gov, fax to (225) 342-9349, or mail to CLIA Laboratory Program, PO Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Upon return of the completed CMS-116 form to the State Agency, a fee remittance coupon will be mailed by CMS indicating the CLIA identification number, the certificate dates, and the applicable fees for the certificate. The appropriate certificate will be mailed by CMS upon receipt of full payment.

If you have any questions regarding completion of the CMS-116 form, please contact Staci Glueck at staci.deleon@la.gov or (225) 342-9324.